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Olivia Gauld and Logan Donoghue go for a bumpy ride on the bumper cars at the 49th Annual Virgil Stampede at the Virgil Sports Park Saturday. It was a perfect weekend for the three-day event, which ended with the traditional fireworks display Monday evening. For more photos see page 23. Julie Jocsak/Postmedia Network

Home found for 'transition beds'

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Twelve of the 22 beds lost to locals when the Niagara-on-the-Lake Hospital closed are being relocated to Pleasant Manor in Virgil.

The beds were kept in the system and moved to other hospitals, but 12 was the number of beds used for NOTL patients, says Maria Bau-Coote, executive director of the NOTL Family Health Team and chair of local the health care steering committee.

From the earliest days of the announcement of the NOTL hospital closure, the loss of those beds for local patients was a chief concern, with transportation to other hospitals an issue for patients and family members.

The steering committee looking at the future of health care in NOTL has been working with the Niagara Health System and the Local Health Integration Network to find a spot close to bome for NOTL patients, says Bau-Coote, and as a result, has forged a partnership with Pleasant Manor, a private, not-for-profit facility owned and operated by the Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches.

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Task force looking at Upper Canada Lodge meets

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Gary Burroughs is still concerned about the future of Upper Canada Lodge.

But Niagara-on-the-Lake's regional councillor is relieved to be on the committee that is looking at its future.

He almost wasn't.

Regional council set up the committee to look at alternative service delivery options - including partnering with the private sector for construction and operation - for Linhaven in St. Catharines, Upper Canada Lodge in Niagara-on-the-Lake and Gilmore Lodge in Fort Erie, with one regional representative from each of the municipalities where the seniors' homes are located. The committee includes St. Catharines Mayor Walter Sendzik, Lord Mayor Pat Darte and regional Coun. Sandy Annunziata of Fort Erie, and two regional councillors at large. Bart Maves of Niagara Falls took one of those positions, and after protesting the process, which didn't include asking Burroughs if he was interested, he was given the other spot.

"I'm very glad I'm on the committee, even though I had to force the issue," says Burroughs.

The region is looking at alternative ways to deliver up to $1 billion in corporate assets, and is starting with the three long-term care homes because they need expensive renovations or rebuilding.

Burroughs is concerned that when it comes time to look at Upper Canada Lodge and the cost to bring it up to current standards, including adding sprinklers, it could be seen as too expensive an undertaking to keep its 80 beds.

Linhaven in St. Catharines is much larger, with 240 beds, and he feels the review might turn to a debate of having Linhaven absorb NOTL's only regional, publicly-run long-term beds.

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Seniors homes 'would have to be redeveloped,' says regional staff

From Page 2

And without a school, a hospital, an EMS station, or police in the Old Town, he doesn't want to lose one more service, he said.

Burroughs has also been outspoken about the decision to hold committee meetings in private, unlike other regional meetings. The reason given has been that it will be asking for input from some operators of other not-for-profit and private long-term care homes, and they should be able to speak freely.

That means all committee discussions will remain confidential, says Burroughs, who is hoping that will change.

"The challenge is this is about our seniors home, and it's important to all of us. I'm hoping the meetings will be open. As soon as I can talk about it, I will talk about it."

But it's in the very preliminary stage, he added - with just one meeting, there isn't much to talk about, and the task force will only be meeting once a month.

Darte agreed it's early days for the task force, and too soon to say where it's going, but has also promised to fight the closing of Upper Canada Lodge if necessary, although he has said he doesn't believe that's in the cards.

NOTL's Regional Coun. Gary Burroughs still has some concerns about the future of Upper Canada Lodge. He and Lord Mayor Pat Darte are both on the task force looking at the redevelopment of three regional long-term care homes.

The task force is in response to a report to council in March described the review as looking for "alternative ways to obtain critical infrastructure assets or deliver services other than the traditional method of building, owning and operating assets and or services."

Jason Burgess, the Region's director of procurement, said the seniors homes in questions are beyond simple renovations.

"From a very preliminary point of view ... it's not practical for renovations to take place at those sites so they would have to be redeveloped," Burgess said.

"And also to bring them up to the new standards and designs it would be impractical to simply renovate the existing facility.

"This stage of the task force is really looking at what are the best options for the Region to deploy to redevelop those beds."

"We need to be open on redevelopment and what innovative ways we may need to do that," Region chief administrative officer Harry Schlange said.

"Even the ancillary services, is there a way to partner with not-for-profits or the private sector to deliver some common services. I think we need to be open at this point. Ultimately, council will make that decision in the end."

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Firefighters take issues to councillors for help

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Niagara-on-the-Lake's volunteer firefighters are not a happy bunch - they haven't been for a while, say two town councillors.

Councillors Martin Mazza and Paolo Miele, restaurant owners who are easily available for informal chats, say they have had firefighters come to them asking for help.

As far back as December, the councillors took those concerns to council, asking for resolutions to some of the issues they have been privy to, and tried to have a committee formed that would act as a liaison between council and town staff.

Mazza says he's concerned councillors are under the impression everything is well amongst NOTL's volunteer firefighters, who have always been widely respected by residents who value their services. But that's not the case, he says, and he thinks councillors should be made aware of the problems.

After referring the formation of a committee to town staff, with the support of council, town staff reported that instead, a consultant would interview the firefighters and prepare a report that, now completed, Mazza said he thought would be made public and presented to council.

But at a recent council meeting, when he asked about the document, he was told it would not be made public - that it was a personnel issue.

Firefighters are not going to complain publicly, said Mazza - when they attended the council meeting late last year, thinking a committee to look at their issues was going to be discussed, they were told to leave by their chief.

Mazza and Miele both say they have heard from firefighters who were interviewed by the consultant, but have seen no indication of anything changing.

Amongst their issues was pay scale - some say they are being paid less than they were several years ago, because of a change in the way of assessing their calls.

They also would like to see their radio system fixes, and are concerned about training issues.

Fire Chief Alex Burbidge says there are several initiatives in the works, but improvements may not be occurring as quickly as the firefighters might like to see.

"We're working on training, we're working on the radio system, and we're working on the pay issue," he said.

Firefighters should be seeing the results of those initiatives in the coming months, he added, but with the everyday work of the fire department, there isn't a lot of time left over, he said.

The report from the consultants, which was completed in February, has been discussed with the senior officials of the fire department, Burbidge said, but it's possible the volunteers haven't heard of those discussions.

Some of the resolutions from the consultant's suggestions may come to council eventually, as part of a report if there are policy or pay changes that require approval from council, he said.

But in the meantime, he added, "we took our lumps and took our bumps, and now we're trying to fix them. We're working away at it. It might not be working at the speed some people would like it to happen, but we're still addressing the day-to-day issues at the same time."

And as he works on resolutions to the firefighters' concerns, he said, he planned to reach out to them to assure them there are solutions in the works.

More increases in store for Ontario hydro customers

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

There's little good news in the future for Ontario hydro customers, says Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro president Tim Curtis.

Electricity commodity charges are increasing this month, and will again in November, he said.

But the biggest hit will be in January, when the Ontario Clean Energy Benefit, which gives all residential customers and most small businesses a 10% discount, will be removed.

This discount was originally provided in 2010 by a government that wanted to reduce electricity from coal, and encourage renewables sucb as wind and solar power, says Curtis, but coal is cheap and wind and solar power are "really expensive," and not reliable.

Residential customers will get some relief ($5.60 a month) with the removal of the Debt Reduction Charge, he said, but their bills are still going up 14%, or an average $200 a year, because of the increase in the commodity cost.

Small businesses will not get this relief, will still pay the Debt Reduction Charge, and are looking at a 19% increase or an average $700 a year, he said. "This will be a huge price jump for these businesses," he said.

By January, residential customers will have seen their hydro bill increase by 48% since 2006 - their cost of electricity up 102%, balanced by the decision of the government to discontinue the debt reduction charge.

Small business customers will be looking at an increase of 89% over the last 10 years, says Curtis, and an overall increase of 47% - without the reduction in the debt cbarge.

But the real issue, he says, is what is driving up commodity rates, what the government is doing to manage those rates and bow they're going to get them down again, says Curtis.

Independent experts have estimated that it cost Ontario as much as $1 billion last year to sell excess power south of the border, he says, and the cost of the wind and solar power contracts was as much as $1.5 billion above the traditional sources of electricity.

The government has also been using hydro as a way to promote social programs, create jobs and save the environment, which may all be good causes, but have driven up the cost of the commodity, says Curtis.

"Each of these in isolation may seem like a nice thing to do, but added up have become a real burden to the consumer."

Ten years ago, the government predicted an increase in the use of electricity, but instead it's gone down - partly because of the loss of industry that relied heavily on electricity, and partly because of increased conservation efforts in residential use, whicb is a small amount for each home but added up represents a significant amount across the province, says Curtis.

But the province has contracted for expensive solar and wind energy, and the only way to reduce the supply is to cut back on the less expensive hydro electricity, he said, resulting in the discount prices to the U.S.

"Costs are increasing everywhere you look. And selling Hydro One or merging some of the distribution isn't going to help."

It's not unusual to have NOTL customers come into their local utility angry about the increases to their hydro bill, says Curtis - although NOTL Hydro can't control bydro rates, "we're the ones who collect it," he said.

One of the advantages to being owned by the municipality is that people can come in, and that offers the opportunity to talk to them and explain why their bills are increasing, he said.

"What we hear is 'don't sell the utility,'" be added, "because our customers have someone they know they can talk to, and because we can help keep tax rates down."

Only the province can reduce the price of the commodity, he said. "It has a responsibility to keep consist low, and it's abdicated that responsibility," said Curtis.

"Real attention must be focused on getting the cost of power down."

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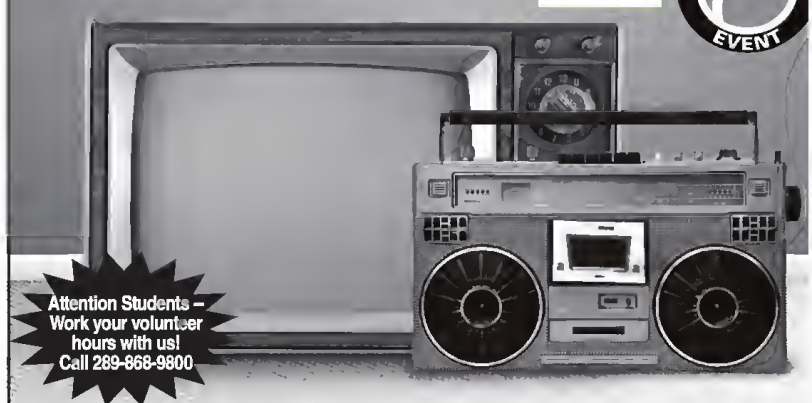

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Point of View

Good news for local health care

Twelve hospital beds don't seem that terribly significant.

But for local seniors requiring a hospital stay, having those beds close to home is extremely important.

If they need acute care, it will be in one of the other hospitals, unfortunately in another municipality where transportation can be a huge obstacle, but they weren't getting that care here in Niagara-on-the-Lake even before the local hospital closed.

Now, at least for the short-term (defined as 90 days, which really isn't that short at all) they can receive the care they need to recuperate right here in Virgil during that transition stage between acute care and home.

It's being called convalescent care, and it's different from what was being provided at the hospital, and also different from the long-term care that Pleasant Manor currently provides. It has a different name, different purpose and a higher level of care, as patients take time to rehabilitate before they're well enough to return home.

It's a great partnership of health care providers, who identified a problem and found a solution, with no new funding required - and that's good news for everyone.

Congrats on the 49th annual Virgil Stampede

Kudos to the Virgil Business Association for hosting another great event this Victoria Day weekend.

As members of the VBA, Niagara Advance staff see every year just how much effort goes into this event.

There are about 50 businesses that belong to the VBA, but although it may sound like a business networking group, it is really a service organization made up of local business people, many of them business owners, with hectic lives. But it takes hundreds of volunteers to host the successful three-day event - four including the Friday night concert - and almost a year's worth of planning that goes into it.

Of course the three days of perfect weather helped this year, but it was a banner event, with great entertainment, happy crowds of people from across the region, and a successful fundraiser that will contribute to some local recreational project.

It's been 49 years since the first Stampede, and discussion has already begun about how to make the 50th event even more spectacular, but we think that the almost $1.25 million already donated to community projects by a small group of business people is already pretty spectacular.

Good day for local scouts

Four scouts from 1st St. David's Troop attended an awards ceremony for scouting at St. Andrew's United Church in Niagara Falls recently, and received their chief scout awards - the highest honour at the scout level. Receiving their awards were Spencer Fansolato, Brock Gula, Evan Burland and Jacob Pearsall with their scout leader, Beth Elgin. Photo submitted

Letters to the Editor

Increase in doctors relative to population not so great

At risk of being a persistent critic, I feel compelled to comment on your article, 26% increase in Niagara doctors (Niagara Advance, May 14.)

Dr. Hoskins' (Ontario Minister of Health) clarification of policy is certainly an improvement on his department's earlier statement on the need to restrict new doctors to this region. But to paraphrase his statement, not too unfairly I believe, he is telling us that Ontario has made progress in reducing the numbers of patients without family doctors but that there is still a need to ration access and this should be done as fairly as possible across the province.

As incidents that have recently been reported in the national media also exemplify, the lack of sufficient acute care hospital beds is also rationing access to health care – in some cases with tragic results and an almost inevitable result of operating at dangerously high levels of occupancy.

The 26% increase in Niagara doctors should also be viewed in relation to the population increase and their age and health status.

The population has increased by 10% over the same time-frame and this means that the rate of improvement in the ratio of doctors to patients was a little over 1% per year (and may, indeed, have been inadequate if health care demands have increased due to the age and chronic and other disease profile of the population).

It echoes another recent claim that the ratio of doctors to patients in Canada has increased by over 25% since 1986 – initially impressive until one realizes that this represents an improvement of less than 1% per year and that it will take us another 40 years to reach the levels enjoyed by Western European countries today.

Relative to these countries, Canada spends as much per capita on health care for less comprehensive coverage and our health-care system, over 40 years since the introduction of "universal" health care, has still not caught up!

Surely it is time for our recently appointed Minister and Deputy Minister of Health, both doctors, to stop defending the failures of their predecessors (of all political stripes) and answer the call of their own professional organization, the Canadian Medical Association, to come up with a plan to redress these deficiencies?

Peter G. M. Cox

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Opinion

Learn about bulbs at next hort society meeting

Jean Cochrane
Happy Gardening

Everything in the garden is moving fast now.

The flowering crabapple has been wonderful but I know that all it takes is one a strong wind or heavy rain and I will have a pink lawn.

If you have flowering fruit trees maybe you have noticed some Baltimore orioles flying around. They really appreciate if you slice an orange and poke slices on the branches for them.

Do not be afraid to try something new and different, and remember you can plant a row of chives or something like that in among your flowers.

The same goes for your vegetable patch, some French marigolds among the veggies help keep down the green fly and other pests.

I still have to decide what tomatoes to go with this year - the selection keeps growing. It used to be so easy - big beefsteak or small ones. Now we have Heritage ones and a variety of colours, but oh boy, the flavour of a home-grown tomato is wonderful.

This is the time to fertilize and mulch, the fertilizer to help growth and bloom and the mulch to curtail the weeds and keep in the moisture.

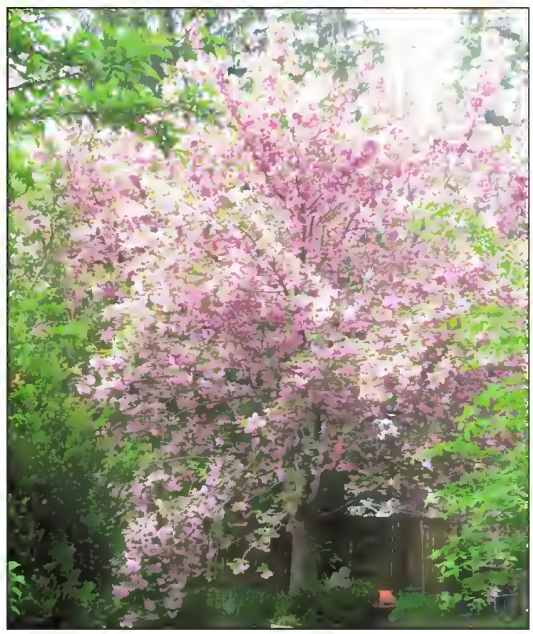
The garden magazines are full of photos of gloriously flowering plants - just remember they are from last year and yours were just as nice then too.

The next NOTL Horticultural Society meeting will be very special, as we will be having Dugald Cameron talking about exotic and interesting bulbs.

Cameron and his father began a bulb importing business in 1983 because they could not find the quality or selection of plants they wanted at that time. He will talk about the selection and care of different and exotic bulbs for your garden, which can add interest and excitement during the summer.

The meeting is Tuesday, May 26, beginning at 7 p.m. Coffee's ready at 6:30 p.m., and we meet at the community centre on Anderson Lane.

Happy gardening.



Jean Cochrane's crabapple tree is in bloom, but she doesn't expect the blooms to last long.

Letters to the Editor

Old Town should be protected

OMB . . . OMG!

Please excuse the childish simplicity of the title hut this time words fail me.

The details of the Mary St. apartment complex, as illustrated in last week's Advance, have left me numh with shock.

While it is encouraging to hear that council and the town planning staff are feeling confident that there would he a negative, and therefore successful, outcome at an Ontario Municipal Board hearing, it hegs the question as to why such an architecturally and societally disruptive ahomination would ever he ahle to he proposed.

Let us have an ahsolute moratorium on high density multi-unit development from Mary St. to Front St. and from Wellington St, to Nassau St. in the Old Town.

With such a hylaw in place, what is left of the unique approach to Historic Old Town can rest in peace.

If anyone thinks that this development is a "one off" and that everything after that will he sacrosanct, go and look at the lovely old village of Woodhridge.

In the last 25 years it has disappeared and heen replaced hy high density, multi storey condos and industrial parks.

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Hamish Kerr

The annual exam – what's the point?

Do we really need a yearly physical?

Dr. Bill Brown
From the health desk

A thump here, a tap or prod there, a quick look in the eyes and ears, perhaps that gloved finger examination, a friendly chat with your family doc, followed hy a return visit for several tuhes of hlood and an EKG.

That's ahout it – for The Annual Medical Examination.

If you're senior enough in one of those large Toronto firms or have hags of money you might have one of those executive medical checkups – think the wealthy and entitled of this life. Here, several thousand dollars later, a spa-like office and after many more hlood tests, you might experience a more 'personal' examination – perhaps complete with extensive cardiovascular tests, MRIs and ultrasounds up the wazoo and mayhe a check on your genes to see what you're at risk for or what you might relax about.

It wasn't so long ago that complete hody MRIs were offered in places like New York or Saudi Arahia.

But all they seemed to accomplish was to pick up odd things of which the vast majority were clinically irrelevant, 'not actionahle' hut nevertheless a great source of anxiety.

All of which hegs the question – is there any point in the time-honored annual physical – kicking the hody's tires hefore heading out for another year.

Even if several studies and practice guidelines in hoth Canada and the US strongly suggest that the 'annual' might not he very effective for turning up the 'unsuspected', there's much to said for taking the opportunity to touch base with your family physician once a year. For what's often left out in those clinical studies is the value of the two of you getting to know one another better, taking time to discuss risk factors for problems in the future and the steps you might take now to forestall them now before they become a big issue later.

Its also a valuable time to discuss whether any meds you might be on need to be changed or perhaps even stopped, discuss whether your vaccinations are up to date and issues in your life which might be sapping your energy and zest.

So I think the annual medical examination makes sense, even if the cost effectiveness numbers may not add up.

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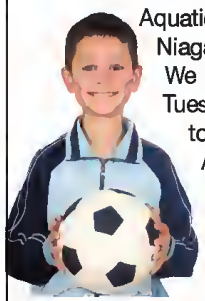

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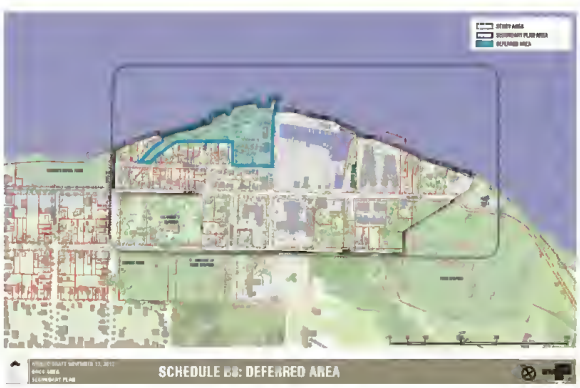
PLEASE NOTE: Plans are underway to introduce a new on-line registration system for all recreational programs and meeting room rentals at Town facilities. Detailed information will follow in the coming weeks.

Community Engagement Session
Dock Area – Final Landscape Design Concept

Earlier this year, residents were asked for comments on three proposed landscape design concepts for the public lands in the deferred area of the Dock Area Secondary Plan. Based on this input, a team of landscape architects has prepared a preferred design for the public lands pictured below.



Town Council now invites the public to view the preferred option before directing staff to develop appropriate policies and a final design for these public lands.

Please join us for a community engagement session to discuss the preferred design option.

Date: June 11, 2015
Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Place: Council Chambers, Town Municipal Office
1593 Four Mile Creek Road

For more information regarding this Community Engagement Session, please contact:
Leah Wallace, Senior Planner
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Kyle Goodyear is a 29-year-old with autism and Fragile X Syndrome who likes to swing in Virgil parks, making some parents nervous when they take their kids there to play. But although he's big and can sometimes be loud, he's harmless, says his mother and others who know him.

Kyle just wants to swing

Man with autism likes to hang out in Virgil parks

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Most long-time Virgil residents recognize Kyle Goodyear, even if they don't know his name.

Since he was a youngster, he has been seen often riding his bike around his neighbourhood, a good-looking kid who just seemed a little different.

He's now 29, six-feet four inches tall, and weights 235 pounds.

But his mind works at the level of a five-year-old, says his mother Eileen.

He was born with Fragile X Syndrome, a genetic disorder that is often accompanied by autism - a double-whammy for Kyle and his mother.

While public awareness of autism is growing, it hasn't reached the point where people can look at a grown man and recognize the signs, says Eileen.

It's causing some difficulty for Kyle, and concern amongst those who see him and don't recognize his disability.

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"Many people think security systems are about catching the bad guys," said Kathy Koabel, of Security Surveillance Systems by Save Yourself in Virgil. "What we provide is peace of mind for what is valuable to you – your family, your business, or both."

Koabel, who is the sales and marketing consultant, said the images from the cameras can be accessed from remote locations through smartphones and other electronic devices. They can be streamed live or video-taped for viewing later.

Adult children with an elderly parent living at-home alone are purchasing cameras to monitor them for health emergencies. Koabel said the surveillance systems are also useful for homeowners who can check on their premises – inside and outside – while they are vacationing down south.

Unlike companies that sell and monitor alarm systems, Save Yourself installs customized surveillance systems for their customers. There are no ongoing fees and the images from the cameras are monitored by the system's owner.

"A thief is less likely to target a place if there are cameras there and they will be captured on film," said Koabel, noting that the images captured are quite clear as technology continues to improve.

There is also a growing market for churches, hotels, gated communities, day care centres and industrial facilities for surveillance cameras and intercom systems for security and safety purposes, she added.

Save Yourself is owned by Nik Tchamov, who has an extensive background with security services, and Ivan Likov, who is highly skilled in information technology. Koabel, who has wide-ranging experience in sales and marketing and Alexis Arsenault, the office administrator with a law enforcement focus, round out the team.

"We all come from different backgrounds and bring a lot of expertise and diverse skills to the business," said Koabel.

The surveillance systems, which range from a single 180 -degree camera at a residence to several indoor and outdoor cameras equipped with night vision at a large company, start at $600 plus installation fees.

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Koabel said with the cost of technology decreasing, the systems are very affordable to install especially for those who are buying new homes. She said the wires can be hidden behind the walls when the house is being built.

After installing a surveillance system, Save Yourself provides the owner with a three-year maintenance package at no charge. That also includes adjustments to the cameras if requested and training for the owners on their use.

Another service the company offers is loss prevention consulting if the customer wants Save Yourself to monitor or review video footage for them.

The company, located at 1582 Niagara Stone Rd., is hosting an open house May 23 to celebrate its grand opening. There will be demonstrations of security cameras and surveillance systems and refreshments served from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 905 401-0789 or go to www.securitysurveillance.ca.

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'People aren't always tolerant' of those with disability

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Kyle likes to swing. It's a kind of therapy, a tension-release for him, something quite common for those with autism.

"To him it's a primal need. He is not a threat to anyone but can be intimidating if you threaten him first," says Eileen.

People who don't know Kyle have trouble understanding why an adult would hang out at a park, sometimes speaking loudly, or more often, singing. And sometimes swearing, especially if someone is yelling or swearing at him.

He understands he has a disability, but he is very sensitive and easily upset when people speak harshly to him, says Eileen.

"He wears headphones to listen to music, and he usually wears a big winter hat pulled down over the headphones. He says it helps to keep them in place."

She admits it makes him look a little odd, and he really doesn't realize, as he sings - very loudly - along to his music, that others can hear him, she says.

He swings about 30 minutes a day, although since the recent loss of bis father, Reg Goodyear, it is sometimes longer, says Eileen.

There are some physical features, mostly facial abnormalities, that go along with Fragile X Syndrome, but Kyle doesn't have any of those - and there are no outward, easily recognizable signs of autism.

So Eileen has taken the unusual step of asking the town's parks and recreation department to post signs at the Virgil Sports Park, and at the park in the Homestead subdivision in Virgil, two of Kyle's favorite places for swinging and hanging out, to make people aware of his disability.

Even with the swing at the Homestead park broken, Kyle continues to go there, perching on top of the baby swing so he can continue the movement he finds reassuring and calming.

There have been some complaints from parents and grandparents at the park with their kids, says Eileen, and she wants them to understand he's harmless.

"A few years ago someone in our neighbourhood called the police, complaining that there was a pervert in the park looking at children. He has the mind of a child so it's natural for him to enjoy watching children go down the slide. He is probably wishing he could fit down the slide too."

The signs will tell people that there could be a man with autism present.

It's an extreme step, but it's time the growing community, with many new people, is made aware, says Eilleen.

Luanne Kulchar works at the desk at the parks and recreation department, inside the Centennial Arena at the sports park.

She often sees Kyle swinging, and says the staff is used to having him hang around. She has known him all his life - babysat for him when be was younger - and knows he's 'just Kyle,' sometimes says "colourful things he doesn't understand he shouldn't be saying, but he's not going to hurt anybody," she says.

"People aren't always tolerant. If they had a child with a disability, they'd understand how difficult it can be. Everyone here at the arena knows Kyle. They talk to him if they're out there, and just let him be. He's never caused any trouble or any damage."

When Eileen explained to Kyle there would be an article about him in the local newspaper, she asked him what he wanted people to know.

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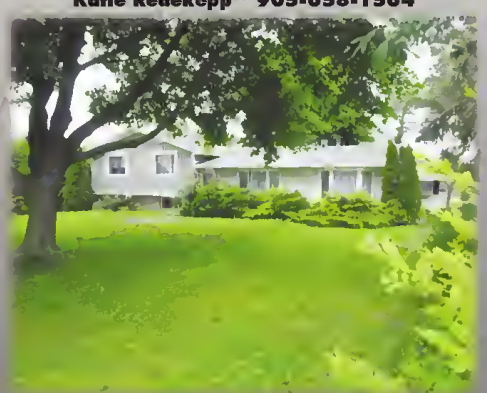

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You Never Can Tell season opener stepped up a notch

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

It's been staged several times at the Sbaw Festival Theatre, but never quite like this.

Thursday's season opener of the festival was You Never Can Tell, Bernard Shaw's light, bright romance comedy, but this production has been stepped up a notch.

This season, it's at the Royal George, which provides a more intimate setting where everyone is just that much closer to the stage, and where everything about the familiar play seems just a little, well, over the top. A little more extreme than we were expecting. The words are the same, but seem somehow louder, the characters more excitable and more eccentric, the costumes more colourful - all the better to draw the audience to a fresh production with the same story, the same message, that hasn't tired over the years.

The seaside setting hasn't changed, nor bas Shaw's take on subjects such as love, relationships and feminism, serious issues that are no less serious, and sad, when treated lightly and with humour.

The stern Mrs. Clandon (Tara Rosling), single motber and author of feminist epistles who is passing her skills and her outlook on life down to her three (sort of) adult children, is returning with them to an Englisb resort town after 18 years of living happily in Madeira.

Her oldest daughter Gloria (Julia Course), has taken on an exaggerated feminist role, seems grim and forbidding and destined to be career woman - until she meets a man who is her match and lets her guard down.

The twins Dolly and Philip (Jennifer Dzialoszynski and Stephen Jackman-Torkoff), are campy, unconventional and swing between being highly amusing children and really annoying adults. None of them remembers their father, whom they haven't seen for 18 years, and want to know who he is, having idealized him in his absence.

Enter the dentist (Gray Powell), his disagreeable landlord (Patrick McManus), and a family friend, all of whom sit down to lunch togetber after learning that the landlord, who is also the long-lost dad, is not at all what his kids imagined - and more surprising, is as disappointed in his offspring as they are in him.

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27 RED HAVEN DR. $545,000

Lovely bungalow in the heart of St. Davids. Finishes include hardwood flooring, tile, carpet and granite counter tops in the kitchen. Location is close to Canada/US border and Hwy 405 to QEW. Great hiking/biking trails nearby. Home is priced to sell. **Cheryl Carmichael, Kevin Stokes & Randy Armstrong.**

44 WEATHERSTONE COURT $550,000

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Acceptance is what it's all about

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William (Peter Millard) is the waiter who holds it all together, who listens to each of them and offers his words of wisdom to smooth over the anger and dial down the emotions.

And let's not forget Jeff Meadows the quirky lawyer whose job it is to see a compromise that will allow them a resolution to their predicament - they may never like each other, but they can carry on.

As director and Shaw veteran Jim Mezon says in his program notes, "All's well that ends well; let life come to you; You never can tell - they all speak of acceptance, of taking life as it is, not as it ought to be."

A message worthy of repetition.

Bernard Shaw's You Never Can Tell is funny, colourful and over-the-top (in a good way) and is on stage at the Royal George Theatre until Oct. 25.

Propagation Ban and Sampling of Plants Susceptible to Plum Pox Virus

Between May and October 2015, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) will be inspecting selected rural and residential properties in the Niagara Region, to sample susceptible trees for the Plum Pox Virus and/or to verify compliance with the propagation ban that is in place. This means that property owners may see CFIA inspectors on their property.

The Niagara Region is currently under federal quarantine. Regulations are in place to prevent the spread of plum pox virus outside of the quarantine area. Plum Pox Virus is a serious plant disease that threatens Canada's stone fruit industry. It does not affect human or animal health.

Plants that are susceptible to the virus include apricot, nectarine, peach and, plum trees, and some ornamental shrubs such as purpleleaf sandcherry.

A ban on propagation is in place. This ban prohibits anyone in the Niagara quarantine area from producing trees and plants that are susceptible to the virus. This includes producing trees and plants from seed, cuttings, grafting or any other method.

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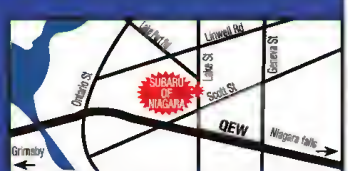

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McMaster University medical students Nadiya Goswami and Nicole Jedrzejko shared the latest InfoHealth presentation at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library, and with general surgery resident, Dr. Graeme Bock, answered that question.

Jedrzejko explained that the new St. Catharines Hospital is a regional campus of McMaster University's medical school. Each year 28 medical students do residency training in family medicine and general surgery there. She politely requested that if you are asked about having a medical student participate in your care, please give you consent as this helps students to learn, and they will be closely supervised by experienced physician.

Goswami explained "a standard surgical team consists of physicians (a surgeon, anesthesiologist, and a surgical assistant), nurses (the scrub nurse and the circulating nurse), and perhaps a medical student. Each of these people has specific roles, with specific boundaries for where they work." If ever a patient is uncomfortable with a student's involvement the patient can request the student to leave, she said.

Your family doctor or an emergency room doctor may refer you to surgery, both of whom have the same access to surgeons.

"In both cases the surgeon will conduct a patient history, a physical exam, and lab work to find out as much as they can prior to proceeding with surgery. Obviously, in an emergency, the background information is gathered in a much quicker fashion," Jedrzejko said.

Describing the rather lengthy consent forms you will be asked to review and sign prior to surgery, Dr. Bock identified the importance of understanding the benefits and risks involved with surgery.

"This is a critical time to ask the looming questions you may have thought about, but until this time, have not yet asked" he said.

"A consent form will also outline the team approach to surgery, and you may be asked permission to have photographs taken of specimens to be used for teaching purposes."

Goswami and Jedrzejko spoke of the importance of preparing for surgery. Some patients have a pre-operative visit to review the procedure, and both students emphasized the importance of following instructions. They stressed the need to inform your doctor of any changes in your health prior to surgery.

During the question and answer session Dr. Bock responded to the awkwardness of requesting a second opinion. While he suggested seeking a second opinion be discussed with your family doctor, he assured listeners that it is not rude to ask a specialist to recommend another specialist for a second opinion. Typically specialists in any given area of medicine will know other specialists.

The next InfoHealth lecture on "Do I need to take this drug?" will be at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10, at the library.

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The mud bog attracted a crowd that filled the spectator stands at the 49th annual Virgil Stampede Saturday. Ken Fidler congratulates Gracie Cherney (right), 6, of Virgil, while her father Aaron Cherney looks on, after she won the basketball game. Three days of perfect weather brought out great crowds, especially for the phenomenal fireworks Monday night, said Virgil Business Association president Richard Wall, and with the help of hundreds of volunteers, the VBA was able to stage another successful fundraiser for the community. Members are already looking ahead at making the 50th annual event the best ever, he said.

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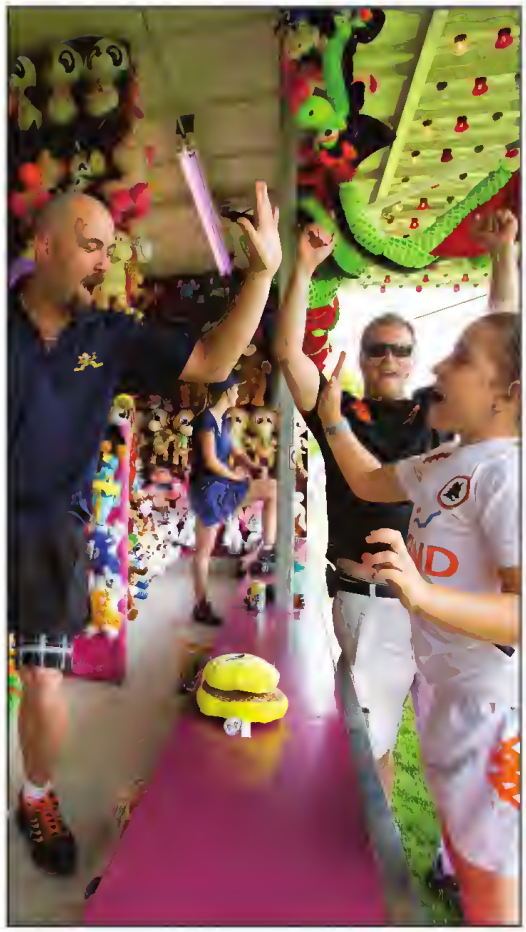

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Beds to be phased in

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It's being labeled a Convalescent Care Program, and is intended to deliver short-term care to NOTL patients who need recovery time from treatment at one of the other NHS hospitals, before being sent home. The patients will likely have received acute care at either the St. Catharines, Niagara Falls or Welland hospitals.

Since the beds are already in the Niagara Health System, they will be funded by existing resources within the system, the NHS confirmed.

"We've been trying to come up with some solution for those beds, and we've been talking to the three long-term care homes in town," said Bau-Coote.

Pleasant Manor was ready and able to offer assistance. But it won't happen right away. The beds won't be open today. We still have to go through all the steps - patience will be a virtue."

The plan still has to be approved by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, says Tim Seimens, chief executive officer of Pleasant Manor and Tabor Manor, which offer stages of assisted living.

The first of the convalescent beds could be ready for use within a couple of months, and are are expected to open in Pleasant Manor's long-term care facility in an incremental, phased-in process over a period of a year.

"Pleasant Manor is extremely excited about the collaboration that has resulted in this new program that will ensure capacity is retained in NOTL for people who need convalescent care," said Seimens.

"Ultimately, this initiative will be great for patients and families while also building a more cohesive system across the continuum of care."

The solution to the transitional beds was a reflection of the steering committee's vision of having partners working together, says Bau-Coote.

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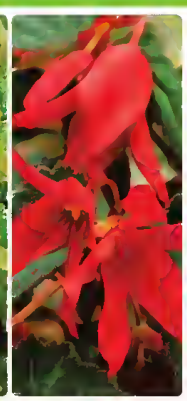

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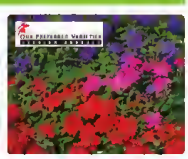

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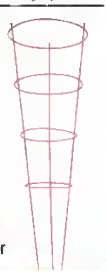

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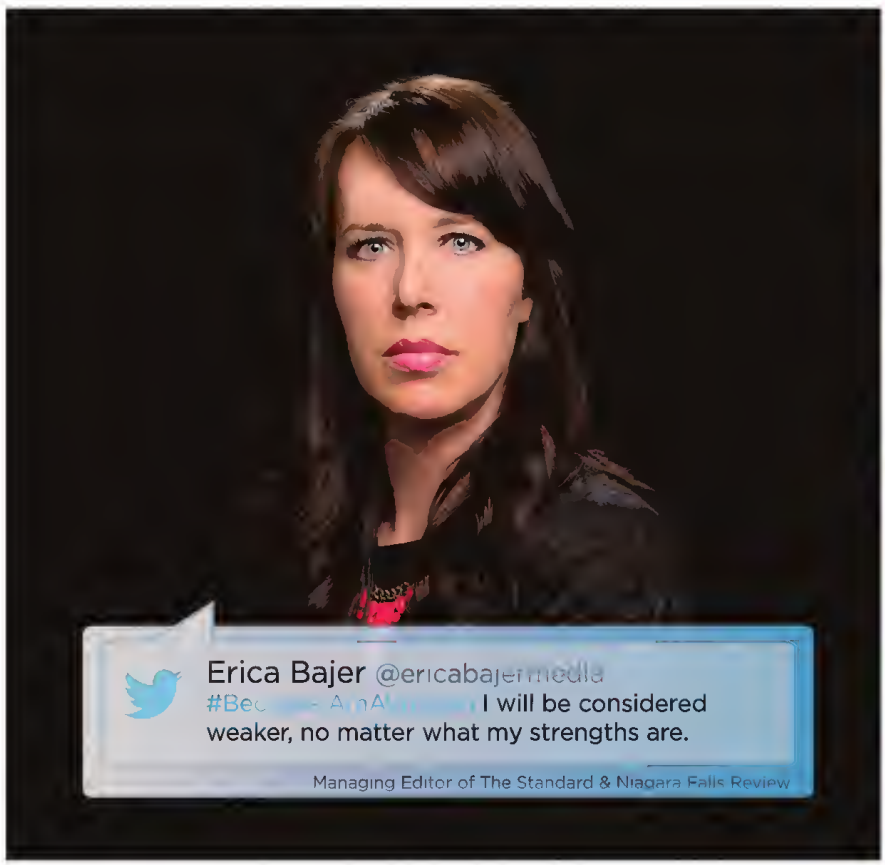

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On Wednesday evenings, Silversmith and Oast breweries, along with a couple of wineries selected on a rotating basis, offer an opportunity to sample just one more reason visitors come to town - the local wineries and micro-breweries - to go along with a great variety of menu items from the best food trucks, local bakeries, restaurants and fruit and vegetable producers.

The Farmers' Market vendors and their products are all from the Niagara Region, says Adam Hawley of Traditional Neighbourhood Developments.

The season for morning markets begins this Saturday, May 23, with 15 to 20 vendors, most from Niagara-on-the-Lake.

And although it's early in the season, there will be lots going on, says Hawley.

Tiffany Mayer, local food writer and author, will be there for book-signing with her new book, Niagara Food: A Flavourful History of the Peninsula's Bounty.

While parents are looking around and decide which delicacies to sample, kids can take part in an art activity under supervision of the Pumphouse Art Centre, and Cory Cruise, a 2014 Niagara Music Award-winner, will be providing live entertainment.

Among the vendors expected are De La Terre Bakery, with wonderful breads and pastries, made from natural ingredients; Gryphon Ridge Highlands will be there with award-winning jams, jellies, and preserves; Family Food will have traditional East Indian foods to eat in or take home, and a Queen St. favourite new at the market this season is Il Gelato di Carlotta, with its amazing gelato.

Most of last year's vendors will return, along with some new ones.

The Bench Cafe from St. Davids will be serving gourmet crepes and breakfast sandwiches, and Willow Cakes and Pastries will have bagels, breads, breakfast pastries, pies, and coffee.

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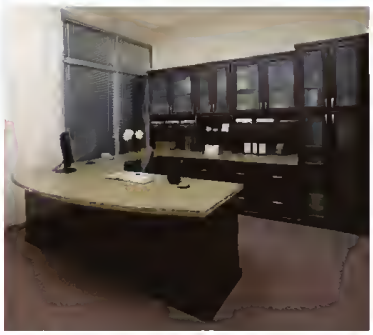

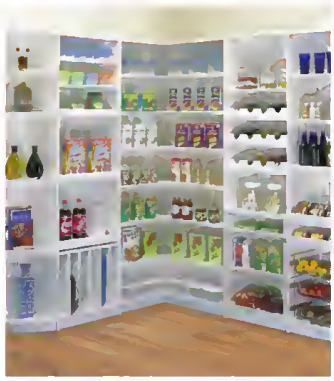

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Bike Rodeo teaches bicycle safety to offshore workers

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

It used to be called the community policing committee. Now it's the safety committee.

But one thing hasn't changed - after more than two decades, the group of people that meets monthly to work on issues that have to do with keeping the people of Niagara-on-the-Lake safe, will host a bike safety rodeo for off-shore workers.

It's the 25th annual event, with a much-expanded mandate than the first one - it's about much more than bike safety.

Hosted in partnership with the Niagara Regional Police, "we have amazing talent lined up for the event, featuring well-known Mexican singer Jaime Elizondo, one of the best Mexican singers in Toronto and The Mexicans Folk Ballet," says Catharine Wickabrod, chair of the NOTL Safety Committee.

Also in attendance will be the NOTL Public Library, Niagara College Dental Program, Quest Community Health Team and AIDS Niagara.

"We, along with the other groups in attendance, are promoting personal health and hygiene to the workers in attendance."

In the last few years the number of workers who come to the rodeo has grown to around 300, says Wickabrod. "They start arriving midmorning to ensure they are first in line when the doors open."

Through generous donations made by sponsors like Western Union, Avondale, Penner Lumber, Phil's Valu-mart and Hendrik's Valu-mart there will be food for the workers, and many prizes, including two bikes to be raffled off.

As well Jeff Poulsen and his crew of volunteers will be repairing bikes to ensure they are safe for the workers to ride.

The committee is in desperate need of bikes for farm workers, says Wickabrod. If anyone has a bike to donate, it can be dropped off at Italian Pizza and Subs on Niagara Stone Rd. in Virgil.

The bike rodeo is Sunday, May 24 at the Centennial Arena in Virgil, at 1 p.m.

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St. Michael looking for golf tournament sponsorship

Former Toronto Raptors coach Butch Carter, now a motivational speaker, will be a tournament guest

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

St. Michael Catholic School wants the very best for its students - and not just until they graduate Grade 8 and move on to high school.

Parents and staff are organizing the fourth annual golf tournament to raise money for student scholarships.

This year, they are being especially ambitious, hoping to increase their sponsorship so they can help 10 students with their post-secondary school costs, and also fund new technology for their Kindergarten to Grade 8 students, says principal Blaine MacDougall.

The tournament is Saturday, May 30, and there is room for a few more golfers, but what they really need is more sponsors, says parent council member and tournament organizer Rita Colling.

There are levels of sponsorship beginning at $250, which will help St. Michael students excel now and in the future, she says.

The tournament will be at the NOTL Golf Club, $75 per player for a quick bite to eat at 1 p.m., before tee-off time at 2 p.m. It includes nine holes of golf, a golf cart and an awards dinner.

Local businesses are generously donating items for a silent auction, says Colling.

This year, there are a couple of changes to the administration of the tournament proceeds and the scholarship fund, said MacDougall.

Instead of scholarship winners being chosen in Grade 8, as they have been in the past, the decision was made to have students apply when they reach their last year of high school.

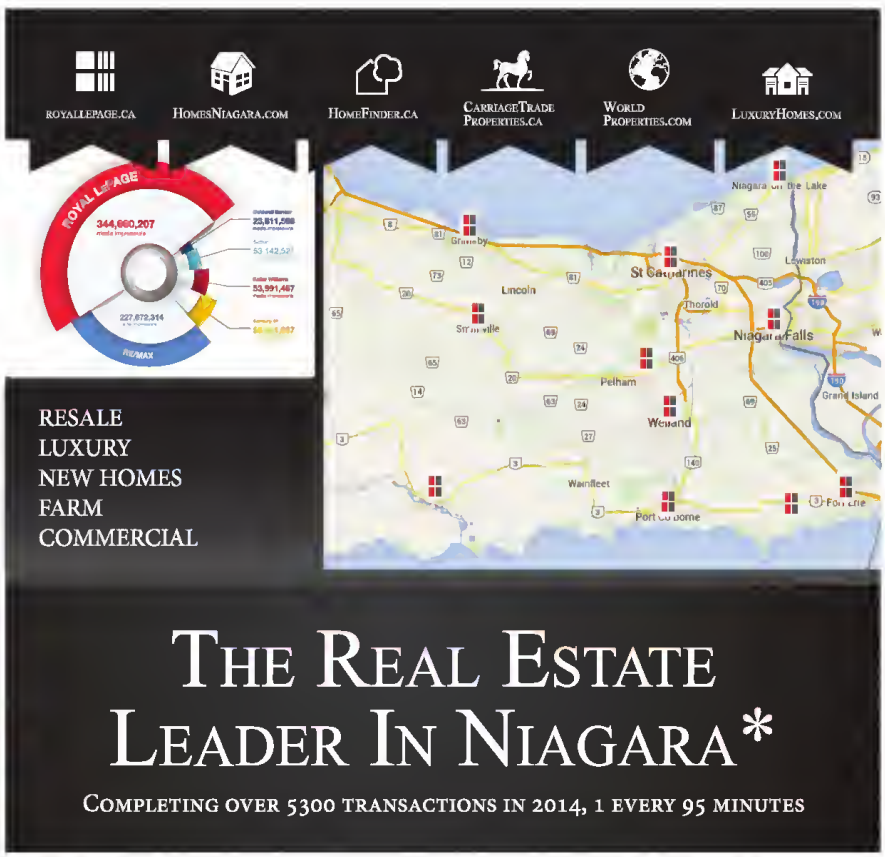
By then, they will have matured and may be better academic students, and more involved in their school community, says MacDougall.

Former St. Michael students attending a Niagara Catholic high school will be eligible to apply.

The school hopes to raise $15,000 to split between the scholarship fund and new technology for the school.

This year, Butch Carter, former Toronto Raptors coach and motivational speaker, will attend to play golf and speak at the dinner.

To reserve a spot or sponsor the tournament, call 905-980-4519.



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Film Fest gets Pixar movie early

John Law
Postmedia Network

The Niagara Integrated Film Festival will be screening a sneak peak of the new Pixar movie five days before it opens in theatres.

The company's latest animated feature, Inside Out, will screen June 14 at 1 p.m. on two screens at Landmark Cinemas in the Pen Centre. It will be an advance screening for the festival's second year, which runs June 18 to 21.

Inside Out, which had its world premiere May 18 at the Cannes Film Festival, has been touted as Pixar's return to form after two sequels (Cars 2, Monsters University) and the disappointing Brave. It follows a small girl and the group of emotions (voiced by Amy Poehler, Bill Hader and others) who guide her from a control centre in her mind. As she adjusts to a stressful move to San Francisco, the gang of emotions struggle to navigate through her new city, home and school.

Early reviews out of Cannes called the film Pixar's "greatest idea" (Variety) and "consistently inventive" (Chicago Tribune). The Hollywood Reporter praised it as one of the most "conceptually trippy" family films ever.

NIFF program manager Kate Yorga says it's a "huge win" for the festival to nab what's expected to be one of the summer's biggest movies.

"Especially for our festival audience," she says. "This will definitely give us a boost considering we're only in our second year. As the festival grows, we'll get that recognition any good festival has."

She credits Tony Watts, NIFF's director of programming, for scoring the Pixar sneak peak.

"He goes to all the festivals - he's in Cannes right now – so he sees the films coming down the pipeline," she says. "He saw that Disney had this incredible new film on their roster for the summer. Through his contacts he reached out to Disney and made the magic happen."

The festival's opening night gala will include a screening of the World War I coming-of-age story Testament of Youth. The James Kent film stars Alicia Vikander as an Oxford student who abandons her studies to become a war nurse. It will be shown at Peller Estates Winery in Niagara-on-the-Lake at 9:30 p.m. The gala includes dinner starting at 7 p.m.

Tickets for the Inside Out advance screening are $12.50 adults, $8 children.

Tickets for all NIFF screenings and events can be purchased at www.niagarafilmfest.com or by phone at 1-800-656-0713.

The Niagara Integrated Film Festival will screen the new Disney/Pixar movie Inside Out the week before it opens in theatres.

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Obituaries

COUNSELL, Judy Carol (nee Farr) - Judy Carol peacefully at St. Catharines General Hospital May 12, 2015. Predeceased by parents Walter and Gertrude Farr, and husband Peter (1999). Survived by her sons Mark, Andrew (David). Brother Jack Ferr (Maureen), brother in law Allan Counsell (Eileen). Mom spent several years working in the healthcare field for Upjohn and most recently with Paramed until her retirement. Very special thanks to Moms caregivers / friends namely Lara, Pattie and Lucy. And a special thank you to mom's friend of over 60 years Joanne Dickinson for always being there. At mom's request there will be no visitation or funeral, cremation will be followed by a private interment. In lieu of any flowers please make memorial donation to either St. Marks Church Choir fund (clearly marked as such) (Niagara on the Lake) or the Canadian Diabetes Association. Special thanks to the doctors and nurses in ICU who made moms passing very gentle. Memories, photos and condolences can be shared online at www.morganfuneral.com.

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FROESE, Agnes Amelia (Molly) - *"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me though he were dead, yet shall he live".* -John 11:25 It is with sorrow that we announce the home going of Molly Froese on Saturday, May 16, 2015, aged 89 years. Wife of the late Peter Froese (1999). Dear mother of Marlene of Virgil, John of Virgil, Susan (Graham) McMillan of San Diego, California. Predeceased by a son Petie in 1949. Sister of Dora Fisch-Willms. Predeceased by a brother, Henry Willms, and sister and brothar in law, Ella end David Dick. She was e special tante Molly to many nieces and nephews. Interment will take place at Niagara Lake Shore Cemetery on Wednesday, May 20th at 2 pm followed by a gathering at the Pleasant Manor Chapel. If desired memorial donations may be made to Pleasant Manor. Online condolences at www.tallmanfuneralhomes.ca

GRIMSTEAD, Joe - Peacefully on May 15, 2015 at Upper Canada Lodge at the age of 87. Husband of Barbara. Loving father of Sharon, Brenda (Rob) Haylor, John (Margaret) and Sue (Bob Curl). Proud grandfather of Jordan and Samantha Walker and Danielle Haylor (T.J. Lawrence). Predeceased by his daughter Jo-Ann (Will) Walker. Joe was born and raised in Niagara-on-the-Lake and was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion for 68 years and the Masonic Lodge No. 2 for 50 years. Special thanks to Dr. Adams, the staff at Upper Canada Lodge and the staff at NOTL Hospital. Cremation has taken place. Joe's family received friends et **MORGAN FUNERAL HOME**, 415 Regent Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake on Wednesday, May 20 from 10-11 am. A service to celebrate Joe's life followed immediately in the chapel at 11am. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Tender Wishes or the Alzheimer Society. Memories, photos and condolences may be shared at www.morseandson.com.

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Dear Jeff,
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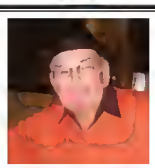
Love, Mom, Your Family & Friends

Memorial Services



David William Shearer
October 22, 1944 - February 19, 2015

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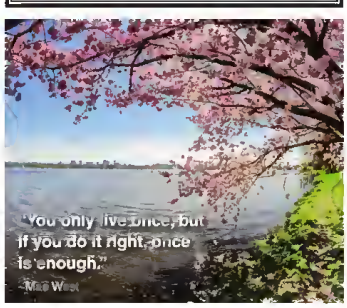
Family and friends are welcome.



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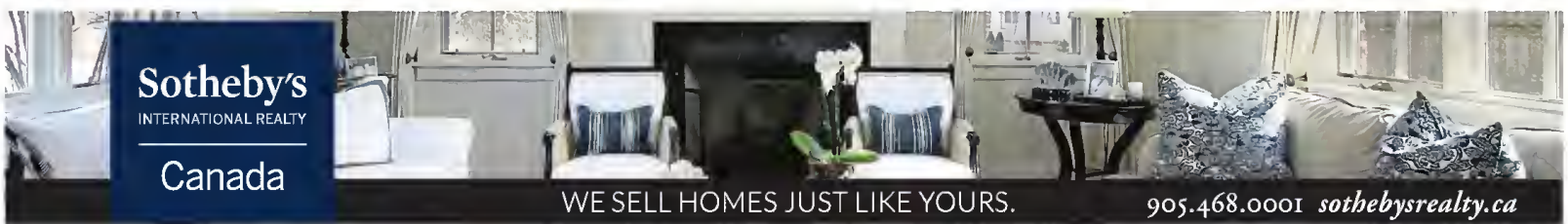

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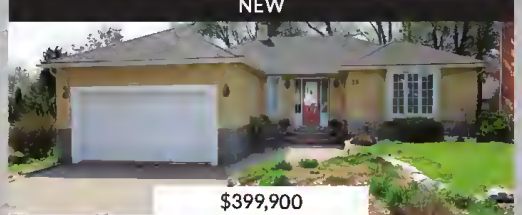

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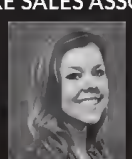

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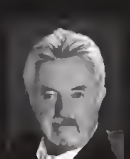

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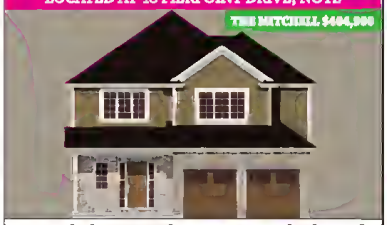

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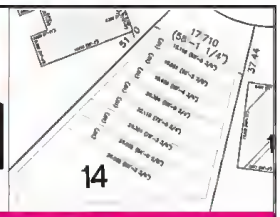

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